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Institutes Completed

The churches of the Santa Clara Association have co-operated splendidly in the missionary institutes conducted by Rev. Marion E. Hall, and have been greatly stimulated thereby. Every one of the six pastors has reported to the office that the meetings gained in interest, and that Mr. Hall is one of the most effective missionary speakers that they have heard. As he sails to Japan on the 4th of December, he carries with him the affection of a host of new friends and the profound gratitude of the churches he reached, and the Conference as a whole. His lectures were of particular interest in view of the present situation in Manchuria.

President Mary E. Branch of Tillotson College, closed her missionary institute work on Friday night, December 4. After a brief stay in Pasadena, she returns to her post of labor in Austin, Texas. Not all of the churches furnished President Branch with the hearing that she was entitled to. but wherever the people came in numbers, their appreciation of her work increased. In addition to the classes in six churches, she spoke every Sunday morning from the pulpit of some church and filled many afternoon engagements before women's clubs

UNDERMANNED

"On virtually every field there should be additions to the staff in order to make much more highly productive the work of the missionaries already there I did not visit a hospital, or a Christian college, or a field open to evangelism which I considered adequately manned One came away believing that an addition and proper placement, in the near future, of possibly ten per cent in the number of well-qualified missionaries might well yield one hundred per cent increase in results." — John R. Mott, after recent trip around the world.

NEW PILGRIM HYMNAL

A copy of the new Pilgrim Hymnal has been received at the Conference office. On casual examination it appears to be a great improvement over previous editions. It has fewer and better selected hymns, the words are all included within the score. Orders of worship and selected readings have been selected and prepared by Rev. H. H. Saunderson and are especially helpful. The indexing of hymns, tunes and worship services is most complete. Price is $1.75 per copy or $135.00 per hundred.

HERE AND THERE

The Conference office has received a supply of Indexes for the Here and There Stories, Vol. 1—XVII, together with a supplementary sheet for the stories published during 1931. Church School teachers who are seeking stories on special topics will find this helpful, as the index is in three sections: 1. Titles; 2. Authors; 3. Themes and Subjects.

Loyalty! Loyalty! Loyalty!

As The Pacific goes to press, a total of $611.20 has come in as Loyalty offering. Many individuals who have received letters have not as yet responded. This offering should amount to not less than $2,000 in order to insure a continuation of missionary appropriations under the present schedule.

Community Chest campaigns have gone over the top because of the extraordinary needs. It is just as vital and important that the church, with its spritual ministry, is kept strong as to provide physical relief.

Word reaches us recently of a woman who was almost destitute and who could not afford carfare, but who walked miles every Sunday to church. After it was all over, she said that the inspiration of the church was the one thing that enabled her to carry on during these difficult days.

These two things every reader of The Pacific can do:

1. **Urge the officials of the church to make full remittance of apportionment money, even though it may be necessary to borrow:**
2. **Send a personal contribution to the office of the Northern California Congregational Conference as an expression of loyalty and devotion during difficult times.**

Loyalty! Loyalty! Loyalty!

TWO CONTRASTING LETTERS

The first from a minister, a member of the Original Plan of the Annuity Fund, whose annuity began July 9, 1930:

"I had not expected to return on the annuity until October and was counting on close figuring during the summer months. For the first time in over thirty years I shall be able to take an easy financial breath. It will take three or four years to discharge some war-debts, but after that, with good health, fair sailing."

In striking contrast, a second letter from a minister about to retire and seeking aid from the Board of Ministerial Relief:

"My age prevented me from participating in the benefits of the Annuity Fund. If I could look forward to such a provision as that, life would have a different outlook to me and mine. I hope the younger men fully appreciate their advantages."

SLIDE SERVICE

Although our allotment of slides is not yet complete, we are listing below those now stationed in the San Francisco office, and will list others when they are assigned to us:

Beautiful Foochow.
Up the Min to Shaowu.
Black Man in White Man's Africa.
Thrilling Tale of the Philippines.
Climbing Jacob's Ladder.
Out Among the Red Men.
Lure of Alaska.

In addition to these sets, we have 35 separate hymn slides. In sending in your orders, please give us a second choice, and if possible a third choice, as your first choice may not be available on the date desired.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND RELIEF

California will face a serious increase in tuberculosis and nutritional diseases this winter, according to Dr. Giles S. Porter, state director of public health, unless steps are taken for the proper feeding and housing of the unemployed.

The latest statistics of The California Labor Market Bulletin of the Department of Industrial Relations for October show serious decreases in employment and earnings As compared with September, 1930, the number of employees in all industries has dropped 24.6% in September, 1931; the total amount of the weekly payrolls have decreased 34.4%, and the average weekly earnings 13%. The decrease as compared with the preceding month (August, 1931) is 11% in employees, 12% in payrolls, and 1.2% in weekly earnings.

All social institutions will be called on this winter to co-operate in alleviating the actual want existing in all sections of the country, and the following pamphlets, obtainable from the Social Service Commission of the Federal Council of Churches, 105 East 22nd Street, New York, suggest ways of church co-operation.

Immediate Relief. A detailed plan for the co-operation of the churches is given in HOW THE CHURCHES ARE HELPING IN UNEMPLOYMENT.

Permanent Preventives. UNEMPLOYMENT: A DISCUSSION OUTLINE and PERMANENT PREVENTIVES OF UNEMPLOYMENT are two pamphlets providing material for group discussion and preventive planning.

Facts! Facts! Facts!

Our people will want the facts regarding the income of our various missionary enterprises, even though they may seem a bit depressing.

Every department of our world wide work suffered loss during the period from January to October inclusive, in comparison with a like period a year ago. For the American Board, this loss was $77,728; for the Home Boards $69,034; for the state conference $34,320; a total loss of $190,082. The percentage of loss for the year so far is 12.5. It is too early to have the November figures, but if this rate of loss continues until January 10th, it will represent a decline for the year amounting to $360,221.

In our own Conference, the total giving, exclusive of the Loyalty offerings, from January to the end of November, was $31,022.09. A year ago, for the same period, exclusive of the Plan of Advance, was $33,368.51. During December last year our receipts were over $21,000, including the Plan of Advance. What will our churches do in December of this year?

East Bay Cacoypa

Bringing Asilomar closer to the Young People of the East Bay at the Christmas season is the object of the Rally to be held at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, December 29, 1931.

A reception at 6:30 will be followed by dinner, with the atmosphere of Asilomar which has prevailed at former Rally dinners. Rev. Francis Van Horn of the First Church, Oakland, will say grace, and Arthur "Mac" Arlett, of Plymouth Church, and an attendant at Asilomar of five years standing, will be toastmaster.

A worship service in the church auditorium will be introduced and concluded by a short organ recital. Clifford Simpson, sponsor of Cacoypa and a leader at Plymouth Church, is well known for his ability to direct young people, and is the leader of the devotionals.

Following the short service a talk will be delivered by Rev. Walter J. Sherman of the First Methodist Church of Oakland. Asilomar songs will be led by Fred Abbott of the Oakland Y. M. C. A., preceding a game period conducted by Williston Wirt of the St. John's Presbyterian Church of Berkeley.

Succeeding the evening's program, which is concluded at 9:30 or 10 o'clock, a social period will be enjoyed by all.

Harold Cowdrey, president of East Bay Cacoypa, is the chairman of the general Rally, Florence Fisher is chairman of the committee deciding the speakers, leaders, and the menu, Thelma Cleaves is Publicity Chairman, and the young people of the home church are taking care of the decorations, with Clifford Simpson sponsoring the entire Rally proceedings

Dinner will be fifty cents, and the Cacoypa treasury is benefitted by the income. Young People's groups are urged to attend.

NOTICE!

THE HAND BOOK FOR 1932 is now ready for distribution. Many churches provide copies for their members. This year's issue contains many new and interesting features in addition to the standard items of information. The latest information concerning the state of religion and religious work in our own churches, and in other bodies as well. The Prayer Meeting Topics. the S. S. Lessons, Young People's Topics and Daily Bible Readings, are of special interest. The Significant Actions of the Seattle Council and the development of church life. Copies may be obtained from:

Northern California Congregational Conference,
421 Phelan Building, San Francisco

"The decrease in juvenile delinquency during the past ten years is due to prohibition because of a higher living standard since the dry law went into effect. There are other factors in the improvement, all of them taken together not equalling in my judgment, the effect of prohibition."—Herbert C. Parsons, Massachusetts State Commissioner of Probation.

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THE THANK OFFERING

We have been reading President Albert W. Palmer's "A Psychological Approach to the Thank Offering Idea" and have noticed his reference to Khalil Gibrahm's poem "The Prophet." The following is the section referred to:

"GIVING"

"You give but little, when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give,
For what are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow?
And tomorrow, what shall tomorrow bring to the overprudent dog burying bones in the trackless sand as he follows the pilgrims to the holy city?
And what is fear of need but need itself?
Is not dread of thirst when your well is full, the thirst that is unquenchable?
"There are those who give little of the much which they have — and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.
And there are those who have little and give it all.
There are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.
There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.
And there are those who give with pain, and that pain is their baptism.
And there are those who give and know pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue;
They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.
Through the hands of such as these, God speaks and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.
"It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding;
And to the open-handed the search for one who shall receive is joy greater than giving.
And is there aught you would withhold?
All you have shall some day be given;
Therefore give now, that the season of giving may be yours and not your inheritors.
"You often say, 'I would give, but only to the deserving'.
The trees in your orchard say not so, nor the flocks in your pasture.
They give that they may live, for to withhold is to perish.
Surely he who is worthy to receive his days and his nights, is worthy of all else from you.
And he who has deserved to drink from the ocean of life deserves to fill his cup from your little stream.
And what desert greater there shall be, than that which lies in the courage and the confidence, nay the charity of receiving?
And who are you that men should rend their bosom and unveil their pride, that you may see their worth naked and their pride unabashed?
See first that you yourself deserve to be a giver, and an instrument of giving.
For in truth it is life that gives unto life—while you, who deem yourself a giver, are but a witness.
And you receivers—and you are all receivers—assume no weight of gratitude, lest you lay a yoke upon yourself and upon him who gives.
Rather rise together with the giver on his gifts as on wings;
For to be overmindful of your debt, is to doubt his generosity who has the free hearted earth for mother and God for father."

—Congregational Way, Oregon.

ARE THE CHURCHES GROWING?

Statistics, even when true, do not fairly indicate the strength of the churches. To know whether the churches are increasing in power we should have to be able to measure moral force, spiritual vision, intellectual courage, love, faith and a lot of other unmeasurable things. However honest statistics do tell a degree of truth. And for those who are either delighted or discouraged by the oft repeated assertions that people don't go to church nowadays as they did in the good old times, the following facts may be illuminating. These figures have been taken by Mr. Clifford O. Simpson, Director of education at Plymouth Church, from Fry's "The United States Looks at Its Churches." The author uses the statistics of the United States Government census taken in 1926. Some corrections would have to be made at present writing. For example the Congregational churches for 1930 report a membership of 943,596. The recent union with the Christian churches adds 97,706 to form a denomination of 1,041,275 members.

(1) The Magnitude of the Church —Two hundred and twelve denominations, having 232,000 churches with 44,380,000 members over 13 years of age; Church schools have over 21,-000,000. Value of church edifices, $3,-800,000,000. Expenditures for 1926, $817,000,000, an increase of 150 per cent over 1916. (Compare with public school figures: 256,000 buildings with 24,700,000 pupils in all elementary and secondary schools; expenditures are $2,042,500,000.)

(2) Membership in the Church (includes those over 13 years)—Fifty-five per cent of adult Americans are church members, 44,380,000 out of 117,000,000 (government figures for 1926). Forty-eight per cent of men, 63 per cent of women are church members; 73 per cent of negro women, 46 per cent of negro men are members. By areas, comparatively high in southern and eastern states, somewhat lower in the Middle West, and considerably lower in the Far West. Fifty-two per cent of rural adults, 58 per cent for city adults. Cities of 300,000 and over, 59 per cent; 100,000 and over 59 per cent; 50,000 and over 57 per cent; 25,000 and up, 60 per cent; 2,500 and up, 55 per cent.

(3) Denominational Membership —Catholic, 13,300,000; Methodist, 3,-700,000; Southern Baptists, 3,300,000; Jewish, 2,939,000; Negro Baptist and Methodist Episcopal, South, over two million; Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal, Disciples of Christ, and Northern Baptist, between one and two million; United Lutheran, 900,000; Congregational, 860,000; Evangelical Synod of Missouri, 700,000; no other has as many as 500,000. Ninety-three per cent of all country churches, and 80 per cent of all city churches are Protestant.

(4) The Growth of Churches—In 1906, 186 denominations; in 1916, 200; and in 1926, 213. (Some denominations discovered; and Federated Churches now a distinct denomination.); 1916-26, 18 churches involve in mergers. Only one denomination split. From 1906 to 1926, number of churches increased 9.4 per cent; population increased 40 per cent. Answer: Consolidation. (Public school buildings dropped in the same period 25,000 in number.) Most rapid growth: Catholic, Scientist, and Mormons. Those declining: Northern Baptist, Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Reformed Church and the Church of the United Brethren. Increase, 1906-26, church 18.6 per cent; 1916-26, church 17.3 per cent, population 17.2 per cent.

(5) The Case of the Church School —Schools reported were four-fifths the number of churches, exclusive of undenominational and union schools. (Does not include the week-day school, parochial school and vacation school.) Increase 1906-26 in Church school, 10.2 per cent (churches, 9.4 per cent). Increase in attendance, 1906-26, from 14,686,000 to 21,000,000 or 45 per cent. Public schools from 16-24 millions, or at the same rate. Percentages of pupils in churches; 1905, 40 per cent; 1916, 48 per cent; 1926, 44 per cent. The figures include the population under 19 years of age. Number of pupils to a church: 1906, 88; 1916, 107; 1926, 114, a growth of 30 per cent. Church School teachers: 2,168,000 or more than one to every ten pupils; city church, 19 officers and teachers; rural, 9; 1906, 1,560,000 teachers; 1926, 2, 168,000, an increase of 31 per cent. —From Plymouth Church (Oak) Bulletin.

Ministers who desire to read and review one of the most wholesome plays that has appeared in America, will do well to familiarize themselves with "The House Beautiful" by Channing Pollock. It is the story of man and wife who never succeed as the world counts success, but who carry through the vicissitudes of life and find the rewards of honor and love.

WHERE SHALL WE PUT THEM?

Rev Daniel A Hastings writes of the schools in Bailundo as follows: "I shall not venture to say how many thousands there are under instruction in our out-schools Because of the meagre equipment, these can be taken only to the second grade. From there they should come here for continuation. For lack of practically everything, the entrance classes to the boys' and girls' schools have to be limited to around fifty for each school. Here is where it is tragic and cruel: one hundred and thirty of these boys, selected by their elders, had to be turned away. They are in waiting for the next year's class but with them will be two hundred new ones coming, and all seeking the one only open chance for continuing their schooling. My cows are turned out of their shed to make room for boys. Girls are packed in their compound as chickens in their coop. Even at that we are handling only a fractional part of our opportunity."

A notable union Thanksgiving service was held in the Oakland Civic Auditorium on Thanksgiving Day, with Jews, Catholics, and Protestants uniting and participating in the service.

How To Help

A splendid suggestion to all churches who desire to play an effective part in meeting the unemployment situation, is made by Rev. Ralph C. Waddell of our First Church, Oakland. Dr. Waddell is chairman of the Social Service Commission of the Oakland Council of Churches. The following suggestions for helping unemployed people are made. It is altogether possible that churches in other localities can find like institutions and furnish their members with the information:

1. Find or make a job for him if you possibly can.
2. If in urgent need of food give him 1 to 3 Coffee Club tickets. (Buy them in $1.00 books at the Church Office). Club at 417 10th Street.
3. If you think he is a "floater" send him to the Municipal Woodyard, 282 8th Street, where he can get room and board temporarily in return for work. Single men who are residents will be cared for indefinitely at the Woodyard. Transients will be cared for one night only. You can help the Woodyard by purchasing fire wood at very reasonable rates. Phone LAkeside 7251. Mr. Polk, Supt.
4. If he is a resident and has a family, refer him to the Associated Charities, 1930 Harrison.
5. If he is not a resident and has a family, refer him to the Salvation Army, 539 9th Street.
6. If he is single, and a non-resident, refer him to the Volunteers of America, 467 6th Street.
7. If it is a girl out of work, refer to the Frances Willard Home, 1076 12th Street, or the Y. W. C. A., 1515 Webster Street, or the Big sisters, 383 63rd Street.
8. If a boy, refer to Y. M. C. A., 2101 Telegraph Avenue
9. If you wish to provide families with Thanksgiving or Christmas gifts, or if you know families who should be provided, report to the Holiday Bureau of the Oakland Social Agencies, GLencourt 8089.
10. Resident heads of families out of work should register at the nearest firehouse.
11. Handicapped men can sometimes get work at the Goodwill Industries, 485 6th Street.

WHO WILL DRINK IT?

"Well," said the layman, with an air of finality, "prohibition is a failure and we must get used to the idea of making America wet once again."

"But who is to drink the liquor?" queried his friend. "Will you?"

"Why, no," he replied; "you know I am a teetotaler."

"Will your son drink it?"

"No, that shall not be!"

"Should you want it to come back for the sake of your clerks?"

"No, it is my practice to discharge any clerks who drink liquor."

"Do you want your customers to drink it?"

"No. I would much rather not; I am sure that those who use strong drink will not buy so much from me nor pay their bills so promptly."

"Should you want the engineer on your train to use it?"

"No, I don't want to ride on a drunkard's train."

"Ah, then, you want this liquor for the men whom you meet driving cars on the public highways?"

"No, of course not; that is a danger to everybody."

"Well, then, who is to drink this liquor in America, pray tell me?"

"I am not so sure that anybody should drink it. I guess we're much better off without it."—The American Issue.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

SACRAMENTO. The pastor, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, recently printed the following paragraph in the church leaflet:

Can we be truly thankful this year? Certain citizens have been urging President Hoover not to issue a Thanksgiving Proclamation If you were he, how would you write the proclamation? Thanksgiving was not intended by our Congregational Fathers as a season for jaunty thanks for superficial delights. They made it a time for penetrating endeavors to draw close to Him who is the Source of our blessings, and to clear away obstacles by which man obstructs the full flow of His bounties.

We are entering a period in which men will no longer dare to disregard or defy the Will of God. He is turning and overturning today. Make no mistake. God's hand is in all this. Problems more crucial and faithful than ever faced men in modern times are being pressed upon us. Let us be thankful above all else that in Christ's Gospel we have the answer to the searching questions which a distracted world is asking.

SALIDA. An automobile contest in Sunday School has resulted in large attendance. The church has lost some members by letter and some by death. Recently Mr. J. G. Elmore, who has been identified with the church since its organization, passed away. In spite of hard times the church is keeping up its financial obligations in a splendid way. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO — GRACE-TRINITY CENTER UNITED CHURCH. This church is said to have the second largest Protestant congregation in San Francisco, the average attendance, both morning and evening being 371. The attendance at the Fall Festival averaged 700 a day. The total attendance at all activities during the month was over 11,000.

SAN FRANCISCO—PARK PRESIDIO. This church publishes a parish paper entitled "Flashes," with a directory of all church officers, announcements for the month, advertisements of local firms and syndicate material of general interest. A children's page is a splendid feature. The pastor of this federated church is Rev. William J. Owen.

SANTA CRUZ. A crowd of 165 members and friends greeted Dr. Frank L. Moore and Superintendent Gill on the evening of November 9 when they made their presentation of our home missionary work. Rev. H. S. Mahood surely knows how to get out a crowd and create an atmosphere of enthusiasm.

ALAMEDA. A campaign for an increase of 10% in church attendance each Sunday over the Sunday preceding is going forward splendidly. As announced, it is a "contest with ourselves to measure the strength of our church." It is to culminate on January 6th. Rev. Gail Cleland is the resourceful pastor of this church.

SAN FRANCISCO — OCEAN VIEW. Under the leadership of Rev. James Salmon, improvements continue to be made in the church building, with the fitting up of Sunday School rooms with blackboards, pictures, tables and chairs. Steps have been taken to beautify the church property.

PETALUMA. This church publishes a very attractive order of worship. On the front page appears this welcome and invitation:

Friend, who worshipest here—
—Enter with expectation;
—Bow with adoration;
—Share in consecration;
—Rejoice in realization;
—Then go in peace.

On November 4th a stunt night was held. Numerous sketches were put on by Boy Scouts, Men's Club, Women's Service Club, Young People's Society, the Choir, and certain individuals. Refreshments were served. Rev. Noel J. Breed is the pastor.

FAIRFAX. On a recent Sunday morning President Mary E. Branch was the speaker. Following the service she was entertained at luncheon by the young people of the church. On Sunday, November 29, Superintendent Gill preached and held conference with the Board of Trustees. The young people again furnished luncheon. Rev. James H. Price, the pastor of the church, reports that there are more young people attending on Sunday evening than the entire congregation in the morning.

PACIFIC GROVE. The Sunday School is decidedly on the up-grade. A splendid group of people were present at the missionary rally conducted by Dr. Frank L. Moore and Superintendent Gill on Tuesday evening, the 10th day of November. Rev. John H. Hunter, the pastor, is deeply interested in missionary work, having a daughter who is under the Presbyterian Board in Africa.

OAKLAND FRUITVALE. Eight new members have been received into the church, among them Mr. and Mrs. J. Benton Wirt. Mr. Wirt is the son of Dr. Loyal Lincoln Wirt. At a recent dinner 135 persons were present. Superintendent Gill gave the address. Mr. James E. Boyd, a student at the Pacific School of Religion, is accomplishing more than many have thought possible in that situation.

BERKELEY—Park. There was a splendid attendance at the Thanksgiving service. Twelve Thanksgiving dinners were distributed with supplies by the Sunday School and church. A special thank offering was received. In spite of much unemployment, the church is entering hopefully upon the task of raising the budget for the coming year Rev Thomas E. Watt is the pastor.

OAKLAND PILGRIM. President Mary E. Branch spoke every Sunday night for six Sundays, with an average attendance of 76. At a recent men's club meeting 57 were present to hear the City Manager. The average attendance for the month of November was 174. Rev. Charles H. Cleaves, the pastor, in addition to his many other duties, made 83 calls during the month.

PESCADERO. This church deeded its property to the Conference and went out of existence some years ago. There have been sporadic attempts to carry on a Sunday School, for the most part without success. Recently the Conference sold the old parsonage property, and then asked Rev. J. L. Rollins, who is both a preacher and a carpenter, to spend a couple of weeks putting the church building in repair and doing religious work among the people. He discovered thirty protestant families, secured the co-operation of a number, and started a Sunday School. He plans to visit the field regularly in order to see that the work is carried forward.

MODOC COUNTY. Sixty people attended Thanksgiving services on a recent Sunday night at Likely, a church which was closed for a number of years and is now being served by Rev. Horton Colbert of Alturas. A Sunday afternoon Armistice service at Davis Creek was attended by 140 persons, Mr. Colbert preaching the sermon.

The young people's work in the Alturas Church is going forward in a splendid way. Mr. and Mrs. Colbert devote a portion of their time to the county investigating all applicants for public relief.

HAYWARD. Mrs. Herman F. Swartz of Berkeley, and Mrs. Gail Cleland of Alameda, were speakers at a recent meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society. A number of the members have attended faithfully the missionary institute conducted by President Mary E. Branch on Monday evenings. It is the intention of the church to step up the benevolence giving a little each year. Rev. R. C. Day is the pastor.

TULARE. This church is rejoicing in further additions to its membership. On Sunday, November 1, two were received on confession, two on reaffirmation, and four by letter. This brings the number received in the past ten months up to 24. Sunday, November 15, was "Home Coming Day." Members responded to the roll call, and letters from absent members were read. Rev. Robert Whitaker is the pastor.

BENICIA. A special choir was organized in October and furnished music for Thanksgiving services and are preparing for Christmas. Rev. Ernest W. Houlding is the pastor.

BERKELEY-CHINESE. Forty persons attended the Thanksgiving dinner at the church. The boys of the Sunday School are members of the city basket ball league. Attendance at services is good.

SAN FRANCISCO — HIP WO SCHOOL. The pupils and faculty of the school have published a very attractive school annual, financed entirely by advertisements and sales.

SUISUN. Rev. Alfred Pollard holds services regularly at the County Hospital.

GUERNEVILLE. On Armistice Day the newly formed American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary attended church in a body; 125 were present. The pastor, Rev. James W. Price, led the Rotary Club Thanksgiving service in which every member gave testimony concerning the things for which he was most thankful.

On the pastor's birthday, the Women's Sewing Club showered him and his wife with an old-fashioned pound party. A large box of clothing has been sent to Modoc County for the Indians. Much time has been devoted to local relief work.

OAKLAND PLYMOUTH. The Sunday School and Young People's work is prospering under the leadership of Mr. Clifford Simpson, who has been employed for full time since last May. The average attendance in Sunday School for November was 280 this year, as against 210 a year ago, and one Sunday recently 316 were present. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, reported to a Church business meeting recently that he had made during the year nearly a thousand calls. The church has more than twenty clubs and organizations.

AFRICAN VILLAGERS WELCOME MISSIONARIES

Rev. Richard S. Webb, an industrial missionary in Portuguese West Africa, recently visited some African villages with a fellow missionary, Dr. Tucker.

"It was interesting," he writes, "to see how anxious the natives were to have us visit their villages. In many cases the natives had built roads three to five miles long, including several bridges, in order that we might drive into their village, even though we could not stay for more than a few minutes."

In accordance with African custom each village bestowed a gift upon the two men as they left the village. In all, for their three days of visiting, they received one lamb, three chickens, many eggs, and some fine oranges.

Before leaving each village, the missionaries rendered some medical service. The natives appeared with bottles. Why? To get some quinine. Dr. Tucker, from his twenty years' experience, has evolved the method of dissolving quinine in hot water. This is in great demand. The natives also inquired whether the missionaries had brought the "tooth pullers," because they had some teeth that need extracting. Mr. Webb has never pulled any teeth, but he is going to learn how.

Mr. Webb is combating the influence of the witch doctors in a novel way. He says: "In one village I added to my attire by placing around my neck a red handkerchief, pinned some cloth dolls to my shirt, and then did some sleight-of-hand tricks and some juggling. They called me the 'witch doctor'; but it is made plain to them that I have my tricks just as their witch doctor has his. In this way I hope to help break down their fear and superstition."

A certain military leader has said, "The trouble with you church people is that you are not willing to back your theories with your life or even with your property. When one of us military men believe in war he is willing to go to war and be shot at. This you church people are not willing to do. Therein lies your great weakness. Whenever you are willing to pay the price of putting your principle into effect, then we military men will be obliged to retire. Our strength is due to your weakness."

Our Principles! Our Faith! Our Dreams! Of a God-conscious Society of Brothers, world-wide, with all the Joy of such an order! Let us match this and support it with our time, strength and money, and the glow of an enthusiastic personality!—People's Church Courier, St. Paul, Minn.

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The Christmas Season

The Christmas season is nearly here, with its spirit of "Peace on earth, good will to men." Is it really an abiding, pervading spirit we believe in or an apparition and myth, a ghost of some dear, dead past? The way in which we face this World's Disarmament Conference will answer this question for each one of us.

We are facing today one of the greatest, if not the greatest and most far reaching Conference in the history of civilization. It is to be held in Geneva, February 2, 1932, and over 50 nations will be represented there. This abolition of war is a matter of life and death to civilization.

We Are Paying Millions for Arms, Nothing for Relief!

"Governments are spending $5,000,000,000 a year for armaments. During the first 9 months of 1931 the United States Government spent for all purposes $3,126,540,000, and over 2/3 of this, or $2,124,737,000, was spent for present military purposes and to pay the bills of past wars. This money is paid by the people in taxes, yet during the depression of 1930-31 FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR THE ADEQUATE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND HUNGER." Is it any wonder that the world is weary of war and demands peace?

Will This Conference Succeed?

Its failure is unthinkable. Dr. George M. Stratton, of the University of California Psychology Department, says the Conference wil succeed "but only on two conditions. (1) Disarmament must pass into the hands of statesmen who see first of all the great disadvantage, even to one's own country, of the entire armament system, and are determined to smash it. And (2) **these statesmen must be supported by public opinion.**

"Success at Geneva will require courage in the leaders and in the peoples behind them, but these risks are not greater than those now taken by all the nations maintaining the war system. Today, even more than in 1914, we peaceable Americans are maintaining an immense armament, **ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD,** and are helping to maintain the war-system of the world."

There Is One Easy, Practical Way in Which EVERY WOMAN Can Help

Every day at 12 o'clock, noon, when the whistles sound the hour, let every woman wherever she is, whatever she may be doing, PAUSE a minute to think of and pray for peace and the Disarmament Conference. This is very little to ask, but its results may be far reaching. WILL YOU DO IT? Let's send out a wave of good thoughts and prayers for Disarmament EACH NOON AT EXACTLY 12 O'CLOCK.

"In union there is strength," and
"God answers sharp and sudden on some prayers,
And thrusts the thing we have prayed for in our face,"
While "Every wish is like a prayer—with God."

Those who have not already circulated Disarmament Petitions may secure them from Mrs. Charles T. Tinker, 1018 Mandana Blvd., Oakland, or from Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, 1309 Spruce St, Berkeley.

Annual Meeting of the Federation

When? Thursday and Friday, January 21 and 22.

Where? First Church, Oakland. The "Pacific" for January will have full information about the meetings.

What One Woman's Organization Is Doing for Disarmament

The Women's Association of First Church, Berkeley, under the direction of Mrs. Frank Irwin, held 7 section meetings throughout the city on Thursday, November 19. Each group was well attended and discussed enthusiastically World Peace and Disarmament. Up-to-date information was given out on these subjects, printed material circulated and petitions for disarmament signed. A high plane of enthusiasm was roused in each section, a real eagerness for facts and a determination to work intelligently for the cause of disarmament.

Have **you** had discussion groups in **your** church? If not, start them at once, the time is short and it is to the women of the country to whom **we** look for our most valuable help and co-operation. Wives and mothers, of all people in the world, should be the first to say "this world shall never be ravaged by war again."

"O mothers with little sons,
The years lie in YOUR hands.
YOU are the chosen ones,
Men wait for YOUR commands.
Not till YOUR lips declare:
"Our sons no more shall fight!"
Shall the crimson soil be fair
And the ravaged earth be right."

Not only does this clarion call ring in mothers' ears who **have** little sons, but in the ears of **every woman,** and what will her answer be?

Oh mothers with sons or none,
YOUR case is just as clear.
YOU cannot evade or shun
That struggle for peace so near.
Shall the men who suffered and died
In that hellish strife called war,
Fail to rouse **your** spirit and pride
Against bloodshed **you** claim you abhor?
The stage is set for the play,
Disarmament, NOTHING LESS,
God help **you** not to betray
Those looking to **you** for redress.

What Women Can Do for World Peace

1. **Be well informed.** Know your subject thoroughly, don't effervesce over it.

2. Stop saying "I believe in it" and work for it.

3. Keep abreast of the times with newspaper and magazine articles. Discuss them intelligently. The fire of knowledge is more effective than the smoke of agitation or mob enthusiasm.

4. Get acquainted with the Peace Organizations. Co-operate with one or more as much as possible.

5. Secure and sign petitions.

6. Never let that old worn-out statement that "War is inevitable" pass your lips or go unchallenged.

7. Educate, educate, educate, especially the youth of the land. Lead out and on every one you can in your home, church and community, for the cause of peace and Disarmament. The time is short!

8. Pray for its success. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

How About Peace Stamps—Have You Bought Yours Yet?

They may be secured from Mrs. Frank Haswell, at 1 cent each. Her address is 478 36th Street, Oakland. Remember, they influence three people—the sender, the collector, the receiver, and they help financially the Peace Education Fund (interdenominational).

Here's Another Kind of a Peace Stamp

This is a Disarmament Stamp and vitally important now. It is cheaper than the other—100 for 15 cents, and every woman should be using it on her letters now. It reads: "Do your best to make the Disarmament Conference a success." These may be bought at 205 Shelden Building, 461 Market Street, San Francisco, from the office of the National Council for Prevention of War. Show your loyalty to the cause by sending for yours

Do Ciphers Mean Anything to You?

Thursday, November 19, the Executive Board of the Women's Federation held its monthly meeting in First Church, Oakland. Mrs. Tinker again stressed the tragic reduction in benevolences all over the country, stating that the deficit now totals $100,000 for Home and Foreign work together, $45,000 for that of the American Board.

The officers of the Board and our missionaries on furlough held a conference at Auburndale, Massachusetts, September 12 and 13, 1931. The missionaries suggested a cut in their own salaries of 10%. This was thought to be unwise and unfair by the American Board, but finally the present resolution was drawn up and accepted:

"Resolved, That this conference recommends to the Prudential Committee of the American Board, the establishment of an American Board Loyalty Fund to which sacrificial gifts from missionaries past and present and salaried officers of the Board might be made and the requirements of the Board for 1931-1932 met, this to be entirely voluntary."

The thought was that where there were not children the gifts might average one month's salary.

Are WE doing as much as we can? "What do YE more than others?" is a question for each one of us to ask herself at this time.

Did You Ever Plan a Program of Any Kind?

If you have, you know what a seemingly endless piece of work it is, what difficulties arise, the number of telephone calls necessary, the letters which must be written, and the hundred and one details that require infinite time and patience. To prepare a good program demands ability, knowledge, wisdom and tact.

All of these qualities are possessed by the chairman of our Program Committee of the Federation, Mrs. Ferrier. Unassuming and modest, she always seeks to give others the credit for her markedly fine programs. We would not minimize their share in the work, but we do wish, especially at this time after our Fall meeting and the Conference, to express to her our appreciation of her delightfully arranged programs which she has so quietly and effectively worked out for us for years.

ONE AID TO RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

One of the many ventures tackling the rural reconstruction problem in India today is the Vocational School in Vadala. This school was started in 1927. The agricultural side of the work is in charge of an Indian Christian, Mr. Dharmaraj Souri, who joined the staff in June, 1931.

Mr. Souri is a graduate of Rutgers University in the class of 1922. His hobby is poultry, but he has not neglected the vegetable and crop side of the program for the boys. Rev. Edward Fairbank writes of him: "He is also a teacher, par excellence, and had a splendid record in the high schools in Ahmednagar last year. However, I believe that he has found THE niche for his future work. He is an Indian of South India, but he is an 'American' with American push and enthusiasm. And he has gotten the Indians with him in his short stay in Vadala. He has invented a cheap, home-made brooder and a pen for chickens, to sell for fifty cents. Now he is selling baby chicks, which are half Leghorn strain, and is building up the beginnings of a new economic independence for our people.

"He is right in doing these things for the people as well as for the boys in the school. The school can be the centre or the model, but its rays must shoot out if the school is to be a real, vitalizing success. When both of us can work together, and each supplement the other, we can go into the villages and help with the economic problems there. My idea for study this year (Mr. Fairbank is on furlough) is to get an expert knowledge of at least two agricultural industries which will have an indigenous market in India; and then to push those industries for all we are worth in the attempt to regenerate the economic situation in the villages."

PACIFIC BOOK SERVICE

Is in receipt of two new books from the Pilgrim Press.

One is entitled **"Paths to the Presence of God,"** being the lectures delivered by Rev. Albert W. Palmer, D.D., at the National Council

The other is **"Christ's Shining Way,"** the devotional talks given at the National Council by Rev. O. W. S. McCall, D.D.

These books sell for $1 each.

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